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WHAT IS A FORM D84, AND WHEN DO YOU COMPLETE IT IN A DIVORCE?

This Stowe client guide explains what the D84 form is and at what point in your divorce you will need to complete it.

What is a D84 form?

A form D84 is the document that the applicant or joint applicants must complete to apply for a conditional order in divorce proceedings.

What is the purpose of the D84 form?

The applicant or joint applicants must fill out the D84 form when they are ready to apply for a conditional order within the divorce proceedings.

The purpose of the form is to find out if there have been any changes in circumstances since the original application for a divorce was made and confirm that everything in the application is true.

What happens after the D84 form is submitted?

Once the judge has received the divorce application and conditional order application (including the D84 form) and the Acknowledgment of Service (signed by the respondent in the case of a sole application), the divorce application will be considered. The D84 is filled in after the 20-week cooling off period has ended.

As long as the paperwork is completed correctly and the court is satisfied that the marriage has irretrievably broken down, both parties will receive a letter called the 'Certificate of Entitlement' confirming the date that the conditional order will be granted.

Conditional order pronouncement date

The application will be read in court on the conditional order pronouncement date to make this legal step 'official'. However, this is just a formality, and there is usually no need for either party to attend the pronouncement.

Once the conditional order is granted, both parties will receive a copy in the post.

Then, there is a 6-week cooling-off period before you can apply for the final order. The marriage is not legally over until the final order is pronounced.

Impact on any financial settlement

It is highly recommended that the financial side of the divorce is dealt with before you apply for the final order.

If not, this can impact the value of any settlement and could expose either you or your spouse to potential risk if a sealed financial settlement is not obtained before you are divorced.

Before completing the D84 form (or any other piece of divorce paperwork), you should seek legal advice for your specific circumstances.

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